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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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SUBJECT:TRADE RESTRICTIONS OF FISHING PRODUCTS

REF: A) STATE 6995 B) SEOUL 2263 C) SEOUL 2647

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS TEXT OF LETTER BELOW, FROM SENATORS MAGNUSON, JACKSON, AND STEVENS, TO APPROPRIATE JAPANESE AND KOREAN OFFICIALS TO DEMONSTRATE ONGOING PRESSURE WITH REGARD TO TRADE RESTRICTION ISSUE, INITIALLY RAISED BY NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COUNCIL (REF A)

2. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SEOUL (REFS B AND C) EXPLAINING LESSENING OF ROK TRADE BARRIERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ATTENTION OF U.S. EXPORTERS ON JAPANESE TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

3. TEXT OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR JOHN D.

NEGROPONTE:

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DEAR AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE:

TWO OF THE STATED PURPOSES OF THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 ARE "TO PROMOTE DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHING" AND "TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDERUTILIZED OR NOT UTILIZED BY UNITED STATES FISHERMEN, INCLUDING BOTTOM FISH

OFF ALASKA." AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF FISHERY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION PROGRAMS IS THE EXISTENCE OF OPEN MARKETS FOR THE PRODUCT.

IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SEVERAL NATIONS FISHING WITHIN OUR FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE HAVE ESTABLISHED ARTIFICIAL TRADE BARRIERS PROHIBITING THE IMPORT OF FISH TAKEN BY UNITED STATES FISHERMEN. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT JAPAN AND KOREA, ALTHOUGH ALLOCATED AND HARVESTING POLLOCK FROM OUR FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE, PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF POLLOCK AND POLLOCK PRODUCTS HARVESTED BY UNITED STATES FISHERMEN. THIS ARTIFICIAL TRADE BARRIER EXISTS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AND KOREA SUCH PROCESSED HADDOCK, MANY OF WHICH ARE TAKEN FROM WATERS SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES JURISDICTION.

SUCH ARTIFICIAL TRADE BARRIERS PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERUTILIZED SPECIES BY UNITED STATES FISHERMEN, AND ARE INCONSISTENT WITH IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES OF THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.

WE THEREFORE URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO REFUSE TO ALLOCATE TO ANY FOREIGN NATION ANY SPECIES OF FISH WITHIN OUR FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE, IF THAT NATION IMPOSES  
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SIGNIFICANT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON THE SAME SPECIES IF CAUGHT BY AMERICAN FISHERMEN. THIS IS ALSO A MATTER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IN THE PRESENT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
(SIGNED) 1. WARREN G. MAGNUSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR  
2. HENRY M. JACKSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR  
3. TED STEVENS, UNITED STATES SENATOR  
END OF LETTER. VANCE

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